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SUBJ: SPANISH DRAFT PROPOSAL FOR EDUCATIONAL AND CULTURAL
COOPERATION SUPPLEMENTARY AGREEMENT (SPANISH BASE
NEGOTIATIONS)

1. THE DIRECTOR GENERAL OF CULTURAL RELATIONS, MFA, JOSE
LUIS MESSIA, HAD PROMISED NEGOTIATING TEAM REPRESENTATIVES A
DRAFT TEXT OF THE SPANISH PROPOSAL FOR THIS SUPPLEMENTARY
AGREEMENT ON OCTOBER 24. EMBASSY PUBLIC AFFAIRS OFFICER AND
CULTURAL AFFAIRS OFFICER MET WITH MESSIA AT HIS REQUEST ON
OCTOBER 23. MESSIA EXPLAINED THAT ALTHOUGH THE SPANISH VERSION
WAS NOT YET COMPLETE, THE FOLLOWING POINTS WOULD BE TREATED
IN THEIR SUBMISSION:

A. THE NUMBER OF ARTICLES WILL BE INCREASED TO 13 OR EVEN
14 FROM THE DEPARTMENT'S PROPOSED 6. HOWEVER, " AT LEAST
EIGHTY PERCENT" OF THE CONTENT OF THE DEPARTMENT'S PROPOSAL
WILL BE RETAINED. THIS IS AN ATTEMPT FOR "MORE PRECISION."

B. THERE WILL BE SOME EMPHASIS MADE ON PROVISIONS FOR PURE
SCIENCE PROJECTS AS DISTINCT FROM APPLIED SCIENCE PROJECTS.

C. A DESIRE FOR GROUP MOVEMENTS AND INSTITUTIONAL ASSOCIATIONS
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RATHER THAN SINGLE GRANTEE SELECTION.

D. ALTHOUGH IT MAY OR MAY NOT BE EXPRESSED IN THE TEXT, THE STRONG FEELING WAS BROUGHT OUT BY MESSIA THAT HIS OFFICE WOULD INSIST AS STRONGLY AS POSSIBLE ON AT LEAST A 2 TO 1 RATIO OF FUND DIVISION BETWEEN SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY AND EDUCATIONAL AND CULTURAL. THUS THE CURRENT ONE MILLION FOR EDUCATION AND CULTURAL AND TWO MILLION FOR SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY IS A SATISFACTORY RATIO. EDUCATIONAL AND CULTURAL WOULD NOT BE SATISFIED WITH LESS.

2. APPARENTLY THE LEVELS OF FUNDING WHICH HAD BEEN DISCUSSED WITH LARROQUE BY THE NEGOTIATING TEAM REPRESENTATIVE HAD NOT BEEN PASSED ON TO MESSIA AND HIS COLLEAGUES AS THEY AFFIRMED THAT THEY HAD NO KNOWLEDGE OF WHAT THE PRECISE LEVELS DISCUSSED WERE. THEIR SUPPOSITION, HOWEVER, ACCURATELY CENTERED ON A PROPOSED ANNUAL FIVE MILLION DOLLAR FIGURE.

3. IT IS NOW ESTIMATED THAT THIS DRAFT AGREEMENT WILL BE SUBMITTED TO THE EMBASSY ON OCTOBER 28, ALTHOUGH FURTHER DELAY MAY OCCUR BECAUSE OF PRESENT POLITICAL CIRCUMSTANCES.
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